

2008 AUGUST CALENDAR Massachusetts PURGATORY CHASM STATE RESERVATION



Park Interpreter: Diane Romano

Park Phone Number: (508) 234-9610

All programs are free and open to the public.

Reasonable accommodations available upon request. For more information please call the park.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		Friday	Saturday
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					1 – 3 PM Jr. Rangers (ages 9 – 14)	2 - 3 PM Going Bats!
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2 – 3:15 PM Chasm Tour				1 - 2 PM Kidleidoscope Kids Story Hour	1 – 3 PM Jr. Rangers (ages 9 – 14)	2 – 3 PM Scavenger Hunt
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
2 – 3:30 PM Hike to Purgatory Brook				1 - 2 PM Kidleidoscope Kids Story Hour	1 – 3 PM Jr. Rangers (ages 9 – 14)	2 - 3 PM Rock Detectives
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

Chasm Tour	Learn about the mysteries of Purgatory Chasm, both geologic and historic. How was the chasm formed? Why do chasm features have names like "Lover's Leap" and "Devil's Pulpit"? The tour is suitable for anyone who is physically able to withstand a fairly strenuous hike. Sturdy footwear with non-slip soles recommended.
Kidleidoscope Kids Story Hour	Kidleidoscope Kids is a reading-based program suited for youth from 3-6 year olds. The program features a story, a short walk and a craft that focuses on nature. Parents/Caregivers are asked to accompany their child/children to this program.
Rock Detectives	Learn about the different rocks found at Purgatory Chasm and take the "rock detective" test. Accompany the Park Interpreter on a short hike to find examples. The activity is appropriate for anyone ages 8+, and the hike is suitable for anyone who is physically able to withstand a short, fairly strenuous hike. Sturdy footwear with non-slip soles recommended.
Going Bats!	Explore the myths and misconceptions about bats. Find out about how these shy, intelligent creatures live and why they play an important role in our ecosystem. Participate in a theme related activity. We promise lots of family fun that won't drive you batty! Ages 8 and up.
Hike to Purgatory Brook	Join our park interpreter for an introductory hike along the new Purgatory Brook trail. We'll discuss the flora and the fauna and look for geologic evidence of the ice age. The hike is suitable for anyone who is able to withstand a moderately strenuous hike. Sturdy footwear with non-slip soles recommended.
Scavenger Hunt	Participants are given a list of natural items found at the park. They will then join the Park Interpreter on a walk to locate and discuss their "finds". Suitable for kids of all ages.
Junior Ranger (for ages 9 – 14)	Kids, become a Massachusetts Junior Ranger! Attend five sessions on Fridays in August to learn the importance of our natural resources and the ways to protect and preserve them. The program is FREE but space is limited. Pre-registration is required . A parent or guardian must accompany participants. Call 508-234-9610.